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FULTON FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARM POSSESSION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Fulton, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Lionel Shaunta Gurley, 27, of Fulton, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Gurley** admitted that he was in possession of a loaded Beistegui Brothers .38-caliber revolver and a Ruger .22-caliber rifle on Feb. 6, 2004, in Callaway County, Mo., on Feb. 6, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition. **Gurley** has a 1994 criminal felony conviction for aggravated criminal sexual assault on a victim less than nine years old.

Gurley was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 9, 2004, in Jefferson City.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Gurley** could be subject to sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. The case was investigated by the Fulton, Mo., Police Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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